A Good Honest Pound.

weight are very well in their way; but what is a est and most delieste balances.

Pew persons have any idea of the prodigious der his charge. The choice imperial pound and imamount of scientific research involved in an answer perial yard are in Chubb's strong chest in the strongto this question. If Mrs. Mullims the greengrover room; the official standards for everyday usesells a pound of potatoes short weight, the inspec- Avoirdapois. Troy, bullion, length, carecity, and tor has a right to look closely at her scales and gas-are in offices for everyday bosiness; while vaweights; but then, how does he know that the rious other important standards, not for everyday weight is short? If he is guided by a standard, then use, are deposited in the large room of the old Norwho made the standard, and what is it made of, and man Jewel Tower, a fire proof receptacle immediatewhere is it, and how was it determined, and why, ly behind, and communicating with the Standards' and how could we make another if that were destroyed? It appears that there are secondary stan-ment. Microscopial appearatus for comparing measdard pounds deposited in various places, livespectures of length, so delieste as to insure accuracy Excest, jet all referring to a choice standard pound within the hundred-thousandth part of an inch; a kept under careful guardianship. Until about ten balance that will carry three hundred pounds in each pears ago, there was no such thing in England as a scale, and will nevertheless "turn with a single public display of standards of weight and length, grain; an exquisite balance for one-pound weight, open to all Her Majesty's subjects to look at and that will turn with 1-10,000th of a grain; berometers examine; at that time, however, some measures of and thermometers, hygrometers and sir-pumps-all length (feet and inches) were placed outside the wall are included among the scientific apparatus, seeing of Greenwich Observatory; and we doubt not that that temperature, moisture, and atmospheric pres many holiday ramblers up the famous hill have ob- sure affect weights and measures as well as the subserved them. These standards are understood to stances weighed and measured. If a brass or bronze be correct in their graduation to something like one- pound and a platinum pound are rigorously equal in thousandth of an inch! There are no such publicly a vaccoum, the latter will be about half a grain displayed standards of weight and capacity. The heavier than the former in ordinary atmospheric air; stronomer-royal contends that there could to be- and therefore the kind of metal, as well as the conthat we ought, one and all of us, to have the means ditions of the atmosphere, have to be studied. Many of socing what is really a pound, and what is really of the standards are made of pistinum; but the

werify these standards? In 1842, a committee of scientific men was appointed to do this; they did not make their report till 1853. Such of them as had names of the astronomer-royal, Sir J. F. W. Herschel, the master of the Mint, Sir John Lubbock, the president of the Royal Society, and Professor Miller, was an appearance of injury in the Parliamentary their wise beads together, to examine the condition of the patient, and to devise a remedy. The grand original was the Parliamentary Pound; the next in rank were copies of this Pound, placed in the sale keeping of the astronomer-royal, the master of the Mint, and the president of the Royal Society, respectively. All these four standards were brought together on a particular day, and were examined with every nicety which microscopes could insure. The three copies passed muster well; but the Parliamentary Pound (we may as well give initials cap-Stale, to pay due honor) was found to be in great er and gine of its case. The doctors set to work. The master of the Mint cleaned the Pound with some caustic ammonia; and then Professor Miller, weighing the Pound with a inlance of exquisite delcopy in the hands of the astronomer-royal, found that the precious standard had not been caten away be rate, the 'brown matter' having been something extraneous, easy to remove. The reader may laugh at all this nice treatment of a pound-weight; but it is no languing matter in the eyes of the Exchequer

Talls is buried in a wall-like some victim of a cruel of mankind in every age and in every clime. despot. At the time when the committee was at We know that iron has long since entered the wairing-room of the Palace Westminster; and, on particular day, the members of the committee being resent, the Cierk of the Works and his men removed case was rewealed, which contained a standard pound and a standard yard. After processes of wonderfully minute examinations and testing, the pound was carefully folded by the muster of the Mint in Swedish Pound was thus a sort of Jack-in-the-box-the leaden | tax." case being within the cak bex, the bronze box, within hox, and Jack (wrapped in his filter-paper garment) within the elliver gift case. A makegany box containing the standard Yard was also put into the leaden e. Then, with great formality, this multiform box was reinsected in the cavity in the wall-the cavity being formed in the massnry of the sill of the recess was inverted, and driven into close contact with the sefacts so covered, and liquid planter of Paris was to nound in as to fill all the friets. Thus ended this grand funeral-the burial of One Pound and One

are in safe keeping in the hands of the three learned this bill to encircle with specific and ad valorem personages already named. The original, the imper- taxes the infant manufactories of the land? ial standard—the Pound, par excellence—was wrapped in filter-paper, put into a silver-gilt case, this into a brouse box, and this into a large from obest in the strong-coem of the Exchequer Office in Old Palace Yard. Should, therefore, any mishap occur to any one of these five standard pounds (one original, and subject. Sear copies), there will be the others at hand to refer to. The inve chest just mentioned is a formidable and they have a right to protest against this unaffair. It was made by Mesers. Chubb, and weight as less than four hundred pounds even when empty. It contains not only the standard Pound, but other stantiards of weight, length, and capacity. When the chest is opened, the standards can be seen through

lieute looks are placed in safe hands. In 1806, pursuant to a recommendation made by the committee, a Warden of the Standards was appointed, and a Standard Office, established, next and tyrant man be taught that the hand which four to the Exchequer Office in Old Palace Yard. The warden and the department are considered now to belong to the Board of Trade, Instead of to the Exchequer. The Warden has supervison over all interntal or primary standards, and also over the local standards of weight and measure throughout the kingdom. The Exchequer has had add to the demand for the ballot the cry off free the charge of these matters from very remote times down to 1865; but now (as just said) the Board of Trade takes control. The weights, the measures, the balances, the apparatus, the books-they form a all knowledge of female habiliments, save what large collection altogether; Avoirdupois weights, they get from the clothes-lines. weights, measures of length, measures of capacity, bullion weights, gas meters, all are here. All local standards are to be verified at least once in five years, and this verification is to be done by the the Machanie's Institute last night, by the Rev. farts. The local standards amount to the prodigious number of twenty thousand and upwards; and Mr. Chiebolm, the Warden suspects that many of them will be found facity, when they come in for

Our friend the imperial Pound and the other imwith another to a degree of nicety hardly conceivable by everyday folk. Only imagine the hundred with part of a grain being talked about! The imperial pound Avoirdupois is precisely 7000 grains. Well, the choicest standard in the possession of the warden is a little lighter than this; but how much? which we will leave our school-boy readers to deter-SE, 38, 16, 7, 4, 2, and I pound; 8, 4, 2, and I conce; estine, so they went fishing instead."

8, 4, 2, 1, and 1/4 druchm. There are Troy standards of 1 pound; 6, 8, 2, and 1 ounce; 10, 5, 3, 2, and 1 SELL HIM IN BARRADORS FOR "RUNNE AND SU-Once upon a time, the late Sir Robert Peel gave a onnee; 10, 5, 8, 2, and 1 dwt., 12, 6, 8, 9, 1 grain. poser to financial men by starting the question: There are bullion standard of no less than twenty. "What is a Pound?" The pound he had in view six different denominations, varying from a maxiwas the pound sterling, and the question referred to mum of 500 ounces down to a minimum of 1-1000 some of the complexities relating to the co-existence of an ounce. There are standards of the yard, foot, gold-money, silver-money, and paper-money. Inch, 1-10th inch, cubic foot, bushel, half-bushel, But it is really a puzzle to all of us to know exactly peck, gallon, half-gallon, quart, pint, balf-pint, gill, what is a pound around, in spite of all the tables that find their way into our arithmetic books. Troy to say that "the errors of the official standards are weight and Avoirdupois weight and Apothecuries' so small as to be inappreciable except with the fin-

The warden has quite a magazine of standards un Office, recently assigned for the use of the departscientific committee made their several standard What a prodigious time it takes to construct and yards of bronze composed of 22 copper, 5 tin, 2

SUNSET COX ON CORSETS.-The Washington not filed in the interim were reappointed to a new Correspondent of the Cincinnati Times says: committee in 1864; and when we mention the Sam Cox is one of the eleverest men in the House, albeit he is a Democrat. His sallies of wit genuine humer, are wont to set the House it will be perceived that there was no lack of brains in a roar," and on no subject is he more happy of the trader, and it is amusing to find such a body in the matter. This committee were told that there than on the tariff. He has made some good as the Commissioners of Inland Revenue appealed speeches in Committee of the Whole, as well as to as a kind of commercial Sorbonne, and asked to standard of one pound weight? They therefore put in the House, while that subject was under general debate. Here is the way that Cox protests

against the tax on corsets : "There is a bill before the House of Representatives, reported by Messes Schenck, Kelley, ted: Blair, McCarthy, Hooper and Maynard, to impose a national tax on corsets and hoop skirts. Against this tax the free women of America should mptly protest. Is there to be nothing too red for the searching hand of the tax-gatherer? Is there no limit to the reach of the Assessor? part covered with brown matter, arising partly from The Committee of Ways and Means have already the decomposition (in a camp situation) of the leath- levied a tax on stocking and garters, and must the privacy of women be further invaded! If women have one right which men are bound to respect more than another, it is the privacy of irsey made by Oertling, and comparing it with the the bosom and of the surroundings of their

Did the Committee who reported this bill know what they were doing? Did Gen. Schenck intend to direct the Commissioner of Customs and his deputies to thrust a hand into every gentle bosom and gather a tax therefrom? Did he not But there is another Pound yet to be mentioned. know that this was a reverse of all the tax laws

work, this Pound was buried in a wall of the lower soul of Kelley, and that he devotes his energies examination, was found to agree well with the all- to steel, but had the man a mother? Had be important original Parliamentary Pound, which lives ever a sweetheart? And did he know that he in a strong from in the basement of the Exchequer was placing a tax around the forts of human life? Office. The burying was, and is, so carlous an affair. Did any member of that committee—not raised that we must describe it a little more fully. On a on a bottle-willingly propose to collect this ad nolorem tax in districts rendered dear to buman a particular stone from the masonry of the lower memory since Eve nursed her first born, or Vinwaiting hall, at the Houses of Parliament. A cell or nie Ream shaped the bust of Helen? Had Mr. remess was then opened, in which was an oak box: Hooper no recollection of early days, when it the lift of this box being unscrewed, an inner leaden was biles to rest his head upon a heart all fondly his own? and could he, recollecting this, pro- so in diameter, with a funnel-shaped top, with or pose to permit the tax-gatherer to extort revenue from the hallowed spot? Let him ask himself fine-paper, then inserted in a light eliver-gilt case, what would have been his feelings had be discovthen in a solid bronze box, then in the leaden case ered his durling in tours, and found that her disalready mentioned, and then in the oak box. The tress was because she had not paid her "corset

Are there no men in Congress who will lift the leaden case, the silver-gill case within the bronze their voices in favor of the untaxed corsets and untaxed hoops? Will General Farnsworth be silent while this outrage is perpetrating, and vote to tax the vestments that inclose the shrines of beauty, purity and love? Will the stalwart hero from Massochusetts (Mr. Butler) vote this tax in the east side of the lower waiting hall. It was and thereafter look any woman straight in the carefully lodged on pieces of wood, so that no part of face? Will be, who has identified woman's vothe her should touch the stone; the rabbet or rebate cution with Jomini's art of war, wear this out. of the cavity was nevered with putty; the iron stone rage on his sleeve for "daws to peck at." Will Mangen not point out to the Democratic party the duty of repudiating a tax so atrocious? Will the gentleman from Onondaga (Mr. McCarthy). in his zeal to protect salt, impose this tax on the The Parliamentary standard copy of the Pound is great dairies of nature? Will the great champthus buried in a wall; the other three standard copies ions of American labor and production vote for-

It will not do to say that the House is not aware that corsets and hoops are of universal use. Members know that the Treasury Department can furnish all needed information on this

The women of America have no representation, precedented taxation. They have submitted to be taxed upon their shoes and slippers, their hostery, their dresses, their shawls, buts and feathers, and every bit of lace and ribbon, but there is a everings of glass, if it is desirable that they should limit to even female submission. Around the not be tomebed; while the duplicate keys of the dup. sancity of their corsets they will draw the line. Shall there be a tax placed upon those emotions and throbbings which have been the delight of men in all ages? The tax should be resisted. seeks recense in that quarter may find the revolver or the dagger. It only required a Marat to produce Charlotte Cordsy, and the Schencks and Kelleys may read that history with profit. Let the women's conventions take action. Let them corsets, free hoops!" and, until they gain the latter, let the men who vote this tax be denied

"AN EARLY HERO OF THE PACIFIC."-Such was the subject of a highly interesting lecture delivered at Warden, by means of his primary or national stan- Thomas Somerville, M., A. The lecture was well attended, well delivered and well received. The Hero, David Douglas, came here in 1826 from Scotland and passed ten years on the Island and Mainland, subsenuently visited the Sandwich Islands and lost his life there accidentally. The botanical and other researches of Douglas were of the most thorough and perial standards of weight have been compared one valuable character, and not the least valuable was the discovery of the Douglas pine, which bears his

name .- British Colonist. As English Bishop, who was fond of shooting, in one of his excursions met with a friend's gamekesper, whom he sharply reproved for inattention to his religious duties, exhorting him strenuously to "go to church, and read his Bible." The keeper in an angry mine. Again, the Imperial pound Troy is 5700 mood responded. "Why, I do read my Bible, air. grains; the official etandard in possession of the but I don't find in it any mention of the Apostles gosurden is 5700 thirl grains about one-eighth of a ling a shorting." "No, my good man, you are right." ruin more. There are Avoirdopois standards of said the Bishop; "the shooting was very bad in Pal-

ALLEGED PLOT TO CAPTURE WILLIAM PENN, AND gan."-Mr. Judkins, the librarian of the Massachulate Robert Greenleaf, of Malden, has recently made a corious discovery which has especial interest for the people of Pennsylvania. Among these papers was one of ancient date, which here this indersement; "Ye scheme to bagge Penne." This curious title attracted the attention of Mr. Judkins, and he examined the contents of the document with more than common interest. It is the familiar and quaint handwriting of the Reverend Cotton Mather, and is addressed to "Ye aged and beloved Mr. John Higginson." It hears date, "September ye 15th, 1682," and reads thus, the odd spelling of the original be-

ing followed to the letter : "There bee now at sea a shippe (for our friend Mr. Esaias Holoroft of London did advise me by the last packet that wolde sail some time in August | called ve Welcome, R. Greenaway, master, which has aboard an hundred or more of ye heretics and maligaheard an hundred or more of ye heretics and maily-nants called Quakers with W. Penne who is ye Chief Best Ass't of Ready Made Clothing Scampe at ye bedde of them. Ye General Court has accordinggely given secret orders to Master Malachi Huxett of the brig Proposee to waylaye ye said Welcome slylie as near ye coast of Codde as may be and make captive ve said Penne and his ungodlie crew so that ye Lord may be glorified and not meeked on ye soil of this new countrie with ye heathen worshippe of these people. Much spoyle can be made by selling ye whol lotte to Barbadoes where slaves fetch good prices in rumme and sugar and shall not only do ye Lord great service by punishing ye wicked but we shall make great gayne for his minister and people. Master Huxett feels hopeful and will set down the newes he brings when his shippe comes back.

"Yours in ye bowells of Christ, " COTTON MATRIES." Master Huxett missed his reckening, and Penn sailed secure within the capes of the Delaware. Easten (Pa.) Argus.

little suspect the shifts to which dealers in that article are put to comply with their tastes and prejudices. It is not, however, for the vendor to dictate to his customers, and the wishes of the public must therefore be met at any cost. Curious cases of con science sometimes arise out of the earnest endeavors Celebrated Patent White Shirts, decide a casulstry. In the consolidated report which the Commissioners have just issued they publish the following letter, which reached them from a dealer, and which is printed exactly as it was received, except that the name of the writer is omit-

Gentlemen-A scarcity of green tea having taken place while we have an abundant supply of black tea this season, I shall be much obliged by a reply to the following question: Is it legally right to stain black tea, green, or rice serso; by such stain ing there being no increase in the weight, such tea having duly paid the legitimate duty?

Your most obedient servant, -This bonest man's anxiety to be "legally right," and his conscious innocence of any intention to rob the customer in the weight or defraud the Customs of duty, while he forgets that green ten is valued for specific qualities distinct from its color, though acompanying it, and that the customer who pays an FANCY & STAPLE DRY GOODS extra price for them has a right to have them, are very amusing. Nevertheless, the Commissioners tell us that the practice of converting black tea into green appears to be so general as to have become a regular and recognized part of the tea-dealers' bus ness; and so unconscious are they of the real cha. Boots & Shoes! racter of their acts, that they write to the Commissloners expressing doubt whether the conversion in question can be really contrary to law, hoping that the warnings of the revenue officers are based on misunderstanding, and that their trade will not be interferred with, as that would be very inconvenient to them .- London News.

IRRIGATION TUBES - A few years ago, a man in one of the Eastern States commenced the manufac ture of irrigation tubes, a patented article, of which large numbers were sold and their use highly rewho tried them. We never heard of their being in- past favors, we respectfully solicit a share of their troduced in this State, for which they seem to be particularly adapted. They consist simply of a straight tube of cast or galvanized iron, wood or , 18 inches or 2 feet in length, and an inch without a moveable cover. They cost only a few make them. When a fruit or shade tree was planted in a place where it required to be watered, one of these irrigation tubes was set close by it, running down among and below the roots, having the top only above the ground. When it was required to SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF! water the tree, the water was poured from a bucket, can or hose, into the funnel-shaped top of the ledgation tube and thus conveyed directly down among the roots, instead of being split over the surface and wasted by evaporation. Liquid manures, soap suds, etc., were applied in the same manner, without waste. The tubes can be removed at any time when no longer needed. The result was three fold. First, much less water or liquid manure was thus require and no waste occurred; second, the roots of the plant were thus led to strike downwards, following the water as it sank into the earth, instead of rising to the surface upon which it was poured, and where they are liable to be affected by every variation of heat or cold, draught or dampness, and thus sooner than is otherwise the case reach a depth where they become independent of artificial irrigation; third, When liquid manures are thus applied they reach the roots they are intended to feed, and the volatile por tions are not dissipated by evaporation, and they enrich the subsoil penetrated by the small roots in stead of the surface earth. Fruit and shade trees thus treated surpassed all others irrigated in the usual way. - S. F. Belletin.

THE PACIFIC TELEGRAPH.-There is a sharp fight going on between the rival parties who want to lay a cable across the Pacific ocean. The leaders in the hostilities are Major Perry McD. Collins and Cyrus W. Field. Major Collins wants a charter, with an exclusive privilege for a certain number of years. He does not ask for Government assistance beyond the use of ships of the Navy to make soundings and ascertain the death of the Pacific on the line where the cable is to be laid. Mr. Field does not ask for an exclusive charter, but he does ask a grant of land, without which he says the cable cannot be laid. Both of these gentlemen spend most of their time in Washington, and neither of them comes to New York without being sure that the other can do no harm in his absence. The Chicago Tribune suggests that Mr. Field shall have CREATLY BELOW COST! his desired land grant, and recommends that he be voted a strip fifteen miles wide on each side of his cable. Congress ought not to be stingy in voting him the bottom of the Pacific ocean, and might give him a strip a hundred miles wide, while it is about it. Field proposes to ally himself with English capitalists, while Colfins announces his intention of making the line exclusively American. In view of our relation with Chins and the development of commerce with that country, the plan of Major Collins would seem The Isual Discount Made to the Trade! to be the best, especially as it does not ask for a grant of land or any other subsidy.

A Pennsylvania correspondent of Harper's 128 No Connection with the Firm across the Way Monthly writes of a Universalist minister, who, traveling in that State a few years ago, arrived late at night at a public house, and asked permission to remain over night. The landlady, aware of his religious views, refused. A year or two afterward be called at the same house again, asked to stay, and again received a refusal. He remark. ed that since his previous visit he had experienced some change of views in relation to the salvation of all men. He now believed there would be 144,000 lost. This appeared to mollify the theo logical ideas of the old lady, who assented to his remaining; " for," said she, " that many lost is bet. ter than none."

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